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**GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS THORNBURG TO THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**RALEIGH-** Gov. Mike Easley today appointed Alan Z. Thornburg to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He fills the seat vacated by Chief Judge Sid Eagles who retired on January 31, 2004.

"I am pleased to appoint Alan Thornburg to this position," Easley said. "He is an accomplished attorney with a wealth of experience and strong understanding of the law. I am confident that he will be an outstanding addition to the court".

Thornburg is a member of the law firm of Patla, Straus, Robinson & Moore, P.A. in Asheville, North Carolina. He has served as a legislative aide to the late U.S. Senator Terry Sanford and a law clerk to the late Honorable Sam J. Ervin, III, U.S. Court of Appeals, 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Thornburg is a member of the 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Bar, North Carolina Bar Association and American Bar Association. Thornburg is also a member of the N.C. Board of Transportation, a position he will resign prior to taking his seat on the Court of Appeals.

Thornburg is a graduate of Davidson College and received his law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law.

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